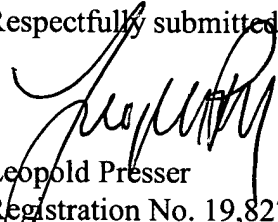


REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are being submitted to conform the specification, claims and abstract more closely to the U.S. patent practice. No new matter is being presented herewith.

Accordingly, entry of the foregoing amendments is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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